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1. The airfield just north of Rakvere (59°22'N/26°22'E), Estonian SSR, was about 2,000 meters from east to west and 1,000 meters from north to south. An old German hangar which was partially destroyed was in the southwestern corner of the field. A small workshop was in the unmanaged section. A railroad spur track which was not in use led to the hangar. A brick building, about 40 meters long, in the southeastern corner of the field was probably used as a radio station and administration building. There was no runway.
2. The field was occupied by an average of 50 IL-2s and 10 to 15 U-2s. Air force members wearing blue uniforms were seen in an old four-story barracks, about 200 meters west of the field. A pilot school for beginners and a ground attack unit were presumably stationed at the field.
3. Training and formation flights and low-level attacks were made with IL-2s. The U-2s were used for local and night flying training and for acrobatics, even in bad weather. Firing at sleeve targets towed by IL-2s was practiced with machine guns emplaced on the ground. Parachuting from captive balloons was seen only in 1947 and 1948. Two parachutists would jump simultaneously from an altitude of about 400 meters. They had white parachutes and sometimes auxiliary parachutes. Douglas transports occasionally landed at the field.

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